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## **Winfried Hoffmann moves from SCHOTT Solar to Applied Materials**

**With effect from April 2, 2007, Dr Winfried Hoffmann, most recently Member of the Management Committee of the Alzenau-based SCHOTT Solar GmbH, will move to the Management Board of Applied Materials GmbH & Co. KG, which is also located in Alzenau.**

Applied Materials is a global leader in the manufacture of machines for making computer chips, and has for some time been concentrating also on building production machinery for the photovoltaic solar electricity industry.

At association level, Hoffmann is the incumbent President of the German Solar Industry Association (BSW) and President of the European Photovoltaic Industry Association (EPIA). Hoffmann will continue to hold these offices in the interests of the industry and of SCHOTT Solar.

Following the withdrawal of Winfried Hoffmann, there will be four people on the Management Committee of SCHOTT Solar GmbH: Chief Executive Officer Dr Martin Heming (responsible for Research and Development), and the Members Alexander Berg (Production), Michael Harre (Sales and Marketing) and Dr Jürgen Kaiser-Gerwens (Finance).

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*SCHOTT is one of the leading solar industry companies worldwide. The international technology group supplies components for almost all photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal applications. **PV solar electricity modules** with various performance ratings are used for decentralized power generation. **Receivers** are the key components in solar thermal parabolic trough power plants, a future technology for centralized power generation along the Earth's sunbelt. Highly efficient **evacuated tube collectors** provide solar heat for warm water, heating and air conditioning.*

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